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Based on medical necessity and satisfaction of the criteria below and all other terms of the Mississippi Medicaid Program, this item is available for coverage for:

- ☒ Beneficiaries under age 21
- ☐ Beneficiaries age 21 and over who are receiving services through the Home Health program
- ☐ All beneficiaries (no age restriction)
- ☐ Beneficiaries who are pregnant

The provider must refer to the current fee schedule for the acceptable codes and fee schedule allowances available under Medicaid.

The following criteria for coverage apply to vaporizers:

This item may be approved for :

- ☐ Rental only
- ☐ Purchase only
- ☐ Rental for X months, then recertification is required
- ☒ Rental up to the purchase amount or purchase when indicated

~~This item must be ordered by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. It is expected that physicians, nurse practitioners, or physician assistants order only items within the scope of their specialty. For example, specialized items such as custom wheelchairs or prosthetics and orthotics should be ordered by specialties such as orthopedics and physicians specializing in rehabilitation. Other items are handled through other specialties.~~

~~A vaporizer is a device that is used to convert water to fine mist to add moisture to the air. A vaporizer may be steam or cool mist. Medication may be added to the steam vaporizers to be dispensed into the air via fine mist particles.~~

~~A vaporizer is covered when the beneficiary has a chronic respiratory condition, such as chronic upper airway obstruction, chronic bronchitis, or asthmatic bronchitis, that would benefit from additional humidity in room air and the beneficiary has adequate facilities to clean and disinfect the vaporizer to prevent contamination of the unit.~~

~~*****Caution***** Vaporizers are sometimes contraindicated when other equipment, such as an oxygen concentrator, is in use due to the potential build-up of minerals within this equipment.~~

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